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## **MEXICAN NATIONAL LIVING IN KC PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE METH**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national living in Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty in federal court today to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

**Salvador M. Ramirez**, 24, a citizen of Mexico living in Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Ramirez** admitted that he possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on Aug. 16, 2004.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Ramirez** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million.

**Ramirez** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 7, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Marquez. The case was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

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